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10 Brahm – 10 Totalities

10 levels of silence

Intellectual, analytical picture of reality – Natural Law

1.

Brahm—Totality

ONE WHOLE

ONE TOTALITY—*Param Purusha*

Zero, unmanifest, nothingness, Total Brahm

'*There is one, non-dual Brahm.*' — Maharishi

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2 Brahm—2 Totalities

TWO PARALLELS

NON-ACTIVE AND ACTIVE TOTALITY—
Nirguṇa nirākāra Brahm and Saguṇa sākāra Brahm

Nirguṇa Brahm is inevitably made of memory, Smṛiti. Smṛiti is transcendental within Nirguṇa Brahm, and makes it two. Infinity in terms of two, becomes Nirguṇa Brahm and Saguṇa Brahm.

'*Memory is the element that makes two in one. … Nirguṇa nirākāra is saguṇa sākāra Brahm by the inevitable memory as a part of its Being.*' — Maharishi

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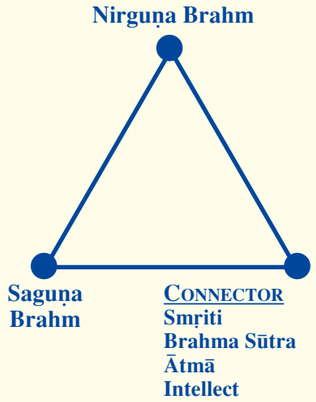

3 Brahm—3 Totalities

TRIANGLE

ONE AND TWO NETTED BY SŪTRA

The CONNECTOR, between the two – between Nirguṇa Brahm and Saguṇa Brahm, non-active and active Brahm, is:

- ĀTMĀ, which is all memory – A to Ma, and Ma to A
- SMṚITI, memory, which is all three Totalities
- INTELLECT, which connects two and makes three
- BRAHMA SŪTRAS, which are the link, the flow of Smṛiti, the connector

The *connector* is materially available to us in the Veda, which is further available to us in the physical universe

'*Brahma Sūtra is just the name of the memory which puts one into two, and keeps them one, and keeps them inevitably two. So, these become three values; and the connector we call Smriti on one level and on another level we call it Saguṇa and Nirguṇa, connected by Smriti.*' — Maharishi

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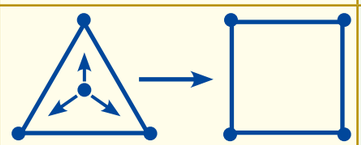

4 Brahm—4 Totalities

SQUARE

THE FOURTH TOTALITY

The third Totality is the connection between the two, and the fourth is a square.

'*When there are three totalities, look to the fourth Totality which is making the three totalities in the state of a triangle.*' — Maharishi

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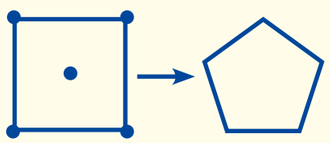

5 Brahm—5 Totalities

PENTAGON

THE FIFTH TOTALITY

The fourth category is a square — 1, 2, 3, 4 —and having one inside, 5, becomes a pentagon.

'*This is what? Analysis! From nothing—that is from zero, it is nothing, unmanifest — [we have] 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.*' — Maharishi

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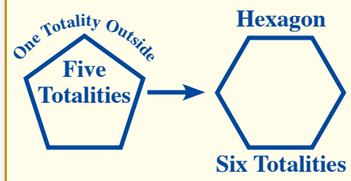

6 Brahm—6 Totalities

HEXAGON

THE SIXTH TOTALITY

Having inside five Totalities, and also outside Totality, gives us six Totalities.

'*This is also called six together. Where there is togetherness there is oneness, so this oneness within—oneness means one whole—one whole also this is one Totality; it is also Brahm. So, this is Brahm—this is a hexagon.*' — Maharishi

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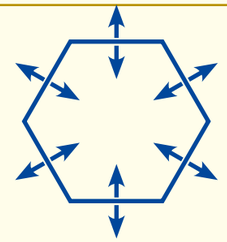

7 Brahm—7 Totalities

SHANMUKHA

SIX-MOUTHED PERSONIFICATION—*Shanmukha*

The intellect has located One in terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. There are six inside, so we have a hexagon. The six inside each have outside. It is one whole, but divided into six—inside six, and outside six—twelve. These are the structures or perspectives of one vision, and the seer of the six, which is also Brahm, has the name *Shanmukha*.

'*Shanmukha, the six-mouthed, personified person, is the seer of the six values—so he is the seventh.*' — Maharishi

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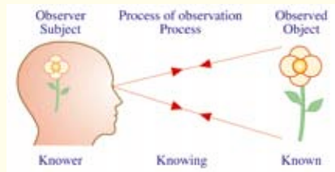

8 Brahm—8 Totalities

PROCESS OF SEEING

THE EIGHTH TOTALITY

The seventh Totality is the seer, so the process of seeing is the eighth value of Brahm, Totality.

'*So, [we add] seer, process of seeing, and there are eight Brahm, eight Totalities.*' — Maharishi

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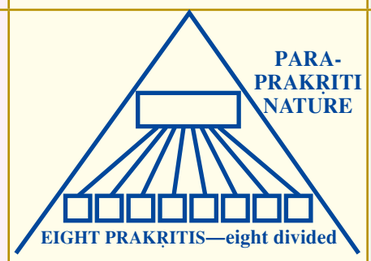

Para-Prakṛiti, Undivided Totality, Nature

9 Brahm—9 Totalities

UNDIVIDED, SECOND LEVEL OF CONE

THE NINTH TOTALITY—*Para-Prakṛiti*

So far we have eight divided Totalities. In addition, there is one Totality that includes all eight. This is the ninth, undivided Totality, which is known as *Para-Prakṛiti* or Nature. The eight divided Totalities are eight Prakṛitis—eight divisions of Nature—eight divisions of the ninth Totality, Para-Prakṛiti.

'*We have this vision of Brahm, so the intellect likes to call it hierarchy of reality … It makes a cone with ten divisions, one on the top [the tenth] and nine below —below the ninth, eight below that. This is intellectual, analytical picture—a triangle in the end with eight divided values down below the ninth undivided value; and the dividing intelligence is intellect, called Brahm.*' — Maharishi

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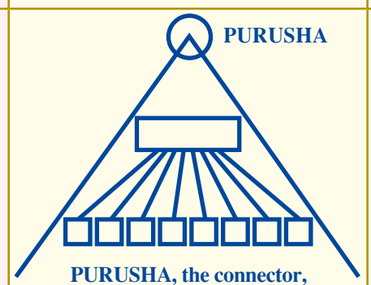

PURUSHA, the connector, the unified level of the nine Prakṛitis

10 Brahm—10 Totalities

TOP OF CONE

THE TENTH TOTALITY—*Purusha*

We have analysed eight divided values of Nature, known as *Prakṛitis*, and one undivided value of Nature, known as *Para-Prakṛiti*. But whose nature are we referring to? The Nature of *Purusha*, the tenth Brahm, the tenth Totality. Purusha is the *connector*, the unified level of Prakṛiti—he has nine Prakṛitis and he is the tenth.

'*We have the hierarchy of reality, and when we divide it, we call it Natural Law. Natural Law is clearly in these ten areas where silence is endowed with ten levels of silence—one Purusha and eight levels of divided silence which are divisions of the ninth.*' — Maharishi

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